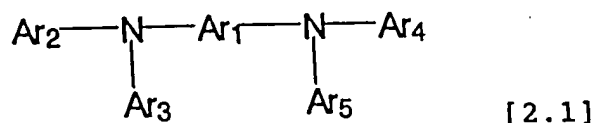
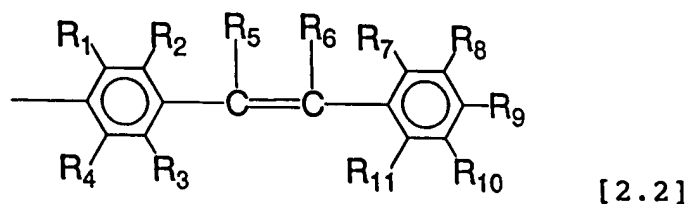


10 (twice amended). An organic electroluminescent element comprising one or more organic thin film layer(s) placed between an anode and a cathode, at least one of the organic thin film layer(s) being a hole transporting layer,

wherein said hole transporting layer comprises a compound represented by the following general formula [2.1]:



wherein Ar<sub>1</sub> represents a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group having 5 to 42 carbon atoms; at least one of Ar<sub>2</sub> to Ar<sub>5</sub> independently represents a group represented by the following general formula [2.2]; the remaining group(s) of Ar<sub>2</sub> to Ar<sub>5</sub> independently represents an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms; and at least one of Ar<sub>2</sub> to Ar<sub>5</sub> comprises at least one saturated hydrocarbon group having 2 or more carbon atoms in which oxygen atom(s) may be inserted; and Ar<sub>2</sub> and Ar<sub>3</sub> and/or Ar<sub>4</sub> and Ar<sub>5</sub> may mutually bond to form a ring:



wherein, each of  $R_1$  to  $R_{11}$  independently represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, cyano group, nitro group, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxycarbonyl group, or carboxyl group; and two of  $R_1$  to  $R_{11}$  may form a ring.

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**[Please add the following new claims:]**

26 (new). The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 14, wherein in general formula [3.2] at least one of  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  is a saturated hydrocarbon group having 2 or more carbon atoms in which oxygen atom(s) may be inserted and each of the other  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  groups independently represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, cyano group, nitro group, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group, substituted or unsubstituted

alkoxycarbonyl group, or carboxyl group; and  $R_6$  is a hydrocarbon based substituent; and two of  $R_1$  to  $R_{11}$  may form a ring.

27 (new). The organic electroluminescent element according to Claim 18, wherein in general formula [3.2] at least one of  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  is a saturated hydrocarbon group having 2 or more carbon atoms in which oxygen atom(s) may be inserted and each of the other  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  groups independently represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, cyano group, nitro group, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxycarbonyl group, or carboxyl group; and  $R_6$  is a hydrocarbon based substituent; and two of  $R_1$  to  $R_{11}$  may form a ring.

28 (new). The organic electroluminescent element according to Claim 19, wherein in general formula [3.2] at least one of  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  is a saturated hydrocarbon group having 2 or more carbon atoms in which oxygen atom(s) may be inserted and each of the other  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  groups independently represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, cyano group, nitro group, substituted or unsubstituted

alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxycarbonyl group, or carboxyl group; and  $R_6$  is a hydrocarbon based substituent; and two of  $R_1$  to  $R_{11}$  may form a ring.

29 (new). The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 21, wherein in general formula [3.2] at least one of  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  is a saturated hydrocarbon group having 2 or more carbon atoms in which oxygen atom(s) may be inserted and each of the other  $R_1$  to  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  to  $R_{11}$  groups independently represents a hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or unsubstituted amino group, cyano group, nitro group, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group, substituted or unsubstituted alkoxycarbonyl group, or carboxyl group; and  $R_6$  is a hydrocarbon based substituent; and two of  $R_1$  to  $R_{11}$  may form a ring.